Agenda Date: 09/13/04

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102 www.bpu.state.nj.us

WATER AND WASTEWATER

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISPOSAL CORP. FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES

ORDER SUSPENDING
INCREASES, CHANGES OR
ALTERATIONS IN RATES FOR
WASTEWATER SERVICE

BPU DOCKET NO. WR04080760

(Service List Attached)

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BY THE BOARD:

On August 13, 2004, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12, Petitioner, Environmental Disposal Corp., Inc. (EDC or Petitioner) a public utility of the State of New Jersey subject to the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utilities (Board) and providing wastewater service to approximately 5,953 customers within Bedminster and Bernard's Townships (Franchise Customers), and bulk treatment and disposal sewer service on a contract basis to the Townships of Bedminster, Far Hills, and Paapack and Gladstone (Bulk Service Customers) in Somerset County, New Jersey filed a petition for a revision of its rates for wastewater service, amounting to an overall increase of approximately \$1,045,868 or 20.74% in annual revenues. EDC proposes to increase rates to the Franchise Customers by 18.15% and to the Bulk Service Customers by 34.67%. The increase in rates is proposed to become effective on September 12, 2004. The Petitioner does not seek interim rate relief pending final determination on the petition.

It appearing that the proposed revisions will increase existing rates and change or alter existing classifications in Petitioner's tariff, it is <u>HEREBY ORDERED</u> that:

- (1) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:2-21, the proposed revisions be, and are suspended until January 12, 2005, unless the Board prior to that date makes a determination disposing of the petition;
- (2) Petitioner shall, at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition by the Office of Administrative Law, file with this Board and with the Office of Administrative Law (33 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102) proof of compliance with the Notice provisions of N.J.S.A. 48:2-32.2 and N.J.A.C. 14:1-5.12 (b) and (c), which Notice shall include a statement that any relief found by the Board to be just and reasonable may be

allocated by the Board to any class or classes of customers on any rate or schedule as the Board may determine; and

(3) Petitioner shall, at the same time it files with the this Board, also file proof of service copies upon the Office of Administrative Law, the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate (31 Clinton Street, P.O Box 46005, Newark, NJ 07102), the clerks of each affected municipality, the clerks to the Board of Chosen Freeholders of each affected county, and where appropriate, the executive officer of each affected county within its service area. Service of the petition, notice of hearings and this Suspension Order may be made simultaneously.

DATED: 9/14/04

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KRISTI IZZO SECRETARY I HEREBY CERTIFY that the within document is a true copy of the original in the files of the Board of Public

Utilities

I/M/O the Petition of Environmental Disposal Corp. for an Increase in Rates BPU Docket No. WR 04080760

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